

REMARKS

Applicants and Applicants' attorney would like to thank Examiner Pham for his time and courtesy during the interview conducted on January 24, 2005. As noted during the interview claims 39-50 currently distinguish over the prior art of record. Applicants have amended claim 51 to delete the term "substantially". As discussed during the interview, the foregoing amendment also distinguishes claims 51-69 over the cited prior art. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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